economic viability of the project, creation of channel to enable vessels drawing a draught of upto 10 metres only has been taken up at present.

Highways in Bihar

†2003. SHRI MANGANILAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 206 kilometer length of highways of Golden Quadrilateral Express way is under construction in Bihar under National Highways Development Project; and

(b) if so, the time stipulated for completing its construction and the details regarding its status of construction so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 206 kms of National Highway No.-2 is a part of Golden Quadrilateral in Bihar. Work in 137 kms length has been completed as on 30.06.2005 and work in the remaining 69 Kms length is in progress. The construction work is targeted to be completed by June 2006.

Declaration of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh

†2004. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads in Madhya Pradesh declared as National Highways during the last three years;

(b) whether the level/surface of these highways is according to the parameters set for National Highways; and

(c) if not, by when these highways are likely to be upgraded as per the parameters set for National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Three roads (namely Sagar Bina as National Highway-26A, Raisen-Rahatgarh as

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National Highway-86A and Damoh-Tikamgarh-Jhansi as National-12A Extn.) having about 536 km. length have been declared as National Highways in Madhya Pradesh during last three years. Out of the above National Highway-86A has already been denotified. National Highway-12A Extn. and National Highway-26A have not been entrusted to the State Government as National Highways because the State Government has not yet given 'No Objection' for entrustment of the above highways.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Funds for roads in Madhya Pradesh

†2005. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount per kilometer given to various States for maintenance of National Highways during last three years;

(b) if so, the details of funds provided, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that in comparison to the other States less amount has been provided to Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government are considering to provide similar amount to Madhya Pradesh as is being given to other States for the maintenance of National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The allocation of funds for maintenance of National Highways to the various States depends not only on length of National Highways but also on lane width, type of terrain, traffic density, type of the soil, extent of damages, intensity of rainfall etc. The allocation per kilometer varies from State to State due to reasons mentioned above. The State-wise details of funds allocated and amount per kilometer during the last three years are annexed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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